

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL MINUTES—GENERAL

Case No. **EDCV 24-00062-KK-SHKx**

Date: March 22, 2024

Title: *Jingjie Zhou v. Alejandro Mayorkas, et al.*Present: The Honorable **KENLY KIYA KATO, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter

Attorney(s) Present for Plaintiff(s):

Attorney(s) Present for Defendant(s):

None Present

None Present

Proceedings: (In Chambers) Order to Show Cause Why Action Should Not Be Dismissed for Failure to Prosecute

Absent a showing of good cause, an action must be dismissed without prejudice if the summons and complaint are not served on a defendant within 90 days after the complaint is filed. See FED. R. CIV. P. 4(m). Generally, a defendant must answer the complaint within 21 days after service, or 60 days if the defendant is the United States. See FED. R. CIV. P. 12(a).

In the present case, it appears that one or more of these time periods has not been met as to one or more defendant(s). Specifically:

- ☒ Proof of service of the summons and complaint
- ☐ Answer by the defendant or an application for entry of default pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(a)
- ☐ Motion for default judgment set for hearing in accordance with the Local Rules and the Court's Standing Order

While Plaintiff attempted to serve Defendants on January 18, 2024 and filed a proof of service on January 22, 2024, dkts. 7, 8, it appears service was not proper because the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California was not served as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(i). See dkt. 8.

Accordingly, the Court, on its own motion, orders plaintiff(s) to show cause in writing on or before **March 29, 2024** why this action should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution as to those defendant(s).

It is plaintiff(s)' responsibility to respond promptly to all Orders and to prosecute the action diligently, including filing proofs of service and stipulations extending time to respond. If necessary, plaintiff(s) must also pursue Rule 55 remedies promptly upon the default of any defendant. All stipulations affecting the progress of the case must be approved by this Court. See L.R. 7-1.

No oral argument of this matter will be heard unless ordered by the Court. The Order will stand submitted upon the filing of a written response.

Plaintiff(s) are expressly warned that failure to timely file a response to this Order will result in this action being dismissed without prejudice as to one or more defendant(s) for failure to prosecute and comply with court orders. See FED. R. CIV. P. 41(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.